

REMARKS

The Official Action mailed June 27, 2005 and Advisory Action dated October 19, 2005, has been received and its contents carefully noted. An *After Final Response* was filed September 27, 2005. Filed concurrently herewith is a *Request for Two Month Extension of Time*, which extends the shortened statutory period for response to November 28, 2005. Also, filed concurrently herewith is a *Request for Continued Examination*. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully submit that this response is being timely filed.

The Applicants note with appreciation the consideration of the Information Disclosure Statements filed on June 2, 1999; March 31, 2000; June 21, 2000; July 30, 2001; February 15, 2002; April 18, 2002; October 28, 2002; November 21, 2002; January 3, 2003; July 1, 2003; December 16, 2003; and September 22, 2004.

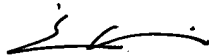
Claims 1-80 were pending in the present application prior to the above amendment. New dependent claims 81-86 have been added to recite additional protection to which the Applicants are entitled. Accordingly, claims 1-86 are now pending in the present application, of which claims 1, 10, 19, 32, 45 and 68 are independent. For the reasons set forth in detail below, all claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Please incorporate by reference the arguments presented in the *After Final Response* filed September 27, 2005 (received by OIPE on September 29, 2005).

New claims 81-86 have been added to recite additional protection to which the Applicants are entitled. The features of claims 81-86 are supported by the specification at page 27, lines 32-34, for example. For the reasons stated already of record, the Applicants respectfully submit that new claims 81-86 are in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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